Corporation Limited, Kanpur has been referred to Board of Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 BIFR is expected to determine & enforce the preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures to revitalise BIC Government would be able to take a view on the implementation of the BIC after it has been approved by BIFR with the consent of all parties concerned to the reliefs and concessions envisaged for them in the package. Government have already initiated the process to fill up the vacancies of functional Directors in BIC.

Vacancies in the Office of Development Commissioner Handicrafts New Delhi

2449. DR. NAUSIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies of Investigator Handicraft Promotion Officer and Assistant Director are lying vacant for long time now in Office of the Development Commissioner, Handicrafts, New Delhi, if so, the number of such vacancies post-wise and the period since when these are lying vacant.

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the period in question no meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee took place to fill up the vacancies; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the regular posts above the rank of Assistant Director have been filled on ad hoc basis; if so; the reasons therefor and the reasons for showing discremination towards junior level officers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) (a) In so far as Headquarter Office situated at New Delhi of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) is concerned, the post-wise vacancy position is as under:

1. Invistigator No vacancy
2. Handicraft Promotion No vacancy
3. (i) Assistant Director (Design) One vacancy; lying vacant w.e.f. 30-11-89.

(ii) Assistant Diector-(*Planning & Research*) w.e.f. 6-2-90 No vacancy lying vacant.

(b) As far the post of Assistant Director (Design) is concerned; there is only one vacancy which as per Recruitment Rules is to be filled up by direct recruitment in consultation with Union Public Service Commission; hence holding of Departmental Promotion Committee does not arise. The post of Asstt. Director (Planning & Research) is a cadre post for grade IV Officers of the Indian Economic Service and as such the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has been requested to fill up the vacancy at the earliest.

(c) Yes, Sir, Such ad-hoc appointments have been made in the public interest and there is no discrimination towards junior level officers in this regard as there was no regular vacancy under the promotion quota in grades below the rank of Deputy Director in the Headquarters Office situated in New Delhi, in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts).

Spinning Mills in the Country

2450. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of spinning mills and the places of their location with